

## V. P.O.S.T. GOALS, OBJECTIVES, & PROJECT PRIORITIES

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Chapter V presents goals, objectives, and prioritized projects for BCPR to address up to 2010. Goals are statements that BCPR will try to achieve and implement. Some relevant goals from the 1995 Master Plan are retained, while new goals are introduced that are based on existing or foreseen conditions and input from County residents in Round 1 and 2 meetings. Objectives are tasks or achievements toward meeting the goals.

Specific and prioritized projects are organized according to the service area and P.O.S.T. format used in previous chapters. Some projects are entirely new, while others are improvements, modifications, or phased expansions to existing facilities. Projects are prioritized by a **HIGH, MEDIUM, OR LOW** – there can be multiple projects with the same priority because they are being worked on simultaneously. This Master Plan strives to:

- ◆ Reconcile the need for new parks with limited or restricted water infrastructure availability;
- ◆ Focus on designing and developing County-owned undeveloped properties instead of buying new properties when and where possible;
- ◆ Reconcile the public's demand for new facilities and services with maintenance considerations (budget and staffing), BCPR Department capacities, and budget realities;
- ◆ Fulfill the BCPR Mission Statement presented in Chapter I and apply goals and objectives from Chapter V to further advance the BCPR Department mission.

All proposed projects are based on the preceding points and one or more of the following:

- ◆ Policy and/or Plan compliance as described in Chapter II;
- ◆ Service Area Profiles as described in Chapter III, emphasizing:

1. Existing land inventory
  2. Existing funding for projects – partial or complete;
  3. Planning and programming work already underway, some of which includes land and funding from numbers 1 and 2 above;
- ◆ Public input from Round 1 meetings in 2001 and public validation and comments from Round 2 meetings in 2002 as described in Chapter IV.
  - ◆ Input from the Bernalillo County Open Space Advisory Committee (BCOSAC).

Projects are prioritized as relative **HIGH, MEDIUM, OR LOW** that are determined by available funds, land and water resource availability, staff, level of service improvement, and other intangibles.

#### **A. P.O.S.T. Goals and Objectives**

Goals and objectives for parks, community centers, Open Space, and trails are organized and grouped according to the following categories:

- ◆ BCPR Programs, Administration, and Functions
- ◆ Inter-Agency and Departmental Coordination
- ◆ Water and Natural Resources
- ◆ Maintenance and Operations
- ◆ Funding
- ◆ Facility Design

##### **◆ Objectives for BCPR Programs, Administration and Functions**

#### **P.O.S.T. GOAL 1:**

**Provide and promote diversified and quality recreational programs and facilities for the citizens of Bernalillo County. (1995)**

- (1a) Expand facilities and programs to meet Bernalillo County level of service area needs where feasible and requested by the community.
- (1b) Use Open Space properties as locations and resources for new and future BCPR programs.
- (1c) Work with Community Center and Section Managers to develop GIS applications for data base development, improved service delivery,

transportation considerations, and user demand analyses.

- (1d) Establish the Regional Recreation Complex at Mesa del Sol, the County's regional park facility, as the primary location for multipurpose field development.
- (1e) Establish a stewardship program to enable neighborhood associations, community groups, and others to assist in site-specific Open Space management.
- (1f) Consult with the BCOSAC for facility development and/or needed improvements on Open Space properties.
- (1g) Replat park and community complex properties when possible and when funds are available in order to consolidate multiple, contiguous BCPR tracts into single tracts.
- (1h) Prepare RFPs for on-call services to allow for more expedient procurement of design and construction of facilities.



*Rio Grande Pool on the campus of Rio Grande High School*

**P.O.S.T. GOAL 2:**

**Promote and enhance a cooperative working relationship with staff from other federal, state, county and municipal agencies and private developers on facility development and management issues. (1995)**

**♦ Objectives for Inter-Agency and Departmental Coordination**

- (2a) Consider the creation of a new zoning category for parks and community complexes to be permissive uses and that allow for varying levels of recreational development.
- (2b) Establish a systematic review of agreements between BCPR and other public agencies affecting P.O.S.T. facilities.
- (2c) Continue working with Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) and Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) toward facility co-location and joint use opportunities.
- (2d) Work with City of Albuquerque and APS to map all developed and undeveloped publicly-owned properties to aid in future planning efforts.
- (2e) Coordinate with State of New Mexico, Area Agency on Aging, and surrounding communities for facility development, management and site location for senior programs and facilities.
- (2f) Coordinate with City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation on park development that would benefit the South and Northwest Service Areas where new subdivisions are being built either within or outside of the municipal limits.
- (2g) Initiate discussions with the City of Albuquerque about participating in facility development and use at Mesa del Sol Regional Recreation Complex.
- (2h) Participate in the revision of The Bosque Action Plan by City Open Space for the purposes of enhancing general access to the Rio Grande Valley State Park and bosque through fee-

- simple easements, conservation easements, and/or Open Space acquisitions in the South and North Valley.
- (2i) Continue site plan and facility improvement review process with appropriate County departments: Risk Management, Environmental Health, Fire, Public Works, Zoning/Building/Planning, and Facility Management.
  - (2j) Support APS "Safe Walk to School" initiative through appropriate trail development.
  - (2k) Amend impact fee ordinance to include Quail Ranch as a service area if annexation to Rio Rancho does not occur.
  - (2l) Evaluate existing park ordinance (84-27) for revisions and amendments based on documented problems, new issues, and special activities.
  - (2m) Cooperate with Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office to evaluate security at all BCPR facilities, with emphasis on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), possible on-site housing arrangements for uniformed officers whose law enforcement presence could deter acts of vandalism and crime.
  - (2n) Coordinate with the Environmental Health Sections of the Zoning, Building, and Planning Department and the Public Works Division on wastewater permits, food service training, and water quality and quantity testing.
  - (2o) Acknowledge facility development partnerships with other agencies on signage.
  - (2p) Work with the City of Albuquerque to have County representation on the Metropolitan Parks and Recreation Board.

**P.O.S.T. GOAL 3:**

**Emphasize  
conservation of  
water resources.**

♦ **Objectives for Water**

- (3a) Assure availability or feasibility of a municipal, cooperative, or on-site well system with water rights when acquiring new properties.
- (3b) Comply with BCPW storm water regulations, including Best Management Practices for stormwater quality and NPDES stormwater regulations.
- (3c) Identify suitable properties for conversion to a xeric park without any turf.
- (3d) Institute a water consumption tracking effort at all irrigated properties, and develop a data base to manage and use this quantitative information.
- (3e) Complete water conservation audit as recommended in the 40-Year Water Plan - BCPR is the largest water user of any County department – and identify ways to conserve more water.
- (3f) Reduce turf area at facilities, especially along perimeter, where feasible.

**P.O.S.T. GOAL 4:**

**Emphasize  
maintenance of and  
improvements at  
existing facilities.**

♦ **Objectives for Maintenance and Operations**

- (4a) Decrease the ratio of acres maintained per maintenance staff from the current level of 12:1 to 9:1.
- (4b) Secure budget and/or staffing increases during the annual County budget allocation process to ensure that internal capacities to maintain facilities keep up with increases in acreage and square footage.
- (4c) Replace or upgrade playgrounds as needed.

- (4d) Prepare an annual improvement and maintenance project list for Open Space properties.
- (4e) Coordinate with neighborhood, special interest, and community organizations to augment BCPR management and maintenance of Open Space properties.

♦ **Objectives for Funding**

- (5a) Adopt this Master Plan and IFCIP as the basis for all future CIP funding.
- (5b) Direct between 20-30% of the amount that BCPR will derive from each biannual CIP toward improvements, enhancements, replacements, and phased expansions at existing facilities.
- (5c) Research and evaluate a user fee structure for adult sports leagues.
- (5d) Consider a one-time, permanent increase to the County Mill Levy and/or Gross Receipts Tax structure for maintenance of County P.O.S.T. facilities.
- (5e) Prepare for Open Space maintenance funding once the Open Space mill levy expires in 2006, either by renewing the mill levy or providing maintenance funds through the annual County budget process.
- (5f) Apply 5% set aside money to trail segments identified in the Bikeways and Trails Master Plan. Unincorporated County trail segments shall be prioritized annually on a County Master Trail list to be developed jointly by BCPW and BCPR.
- (5g) Request reauthorization of unspent legislative appropriations or GO bonds more than three years old to new and related uses that have

**P.O.S.T. GOAL 5:**

**Pursue diverse funding sources, joint purchases and revenue generating activities.**

the support of the sponsoring state and County elected official(s).

- (5h) Leverage mill levy funds by collaborating with federal, state and local agencies to acquire targeted properties for Open Space.
- (5i) Pursue non-CIP and non-legislative funding, such as grant sources, for project development.
- (5j) Explore ways to have facilities generate revenue.
- (5k) Coordinate with MRCOG on funding mechanisms for primary trails and bikeways through their Metropolitan Transportation Program process.

#### ◆ Objectives for Facility Design

##### **P.O.S.T. GOAL 6:**

**Ensure that designs of new facilities or upgrades to existing facilities are innovative, water conscious, easy to maintain, and respond to user needs and demands.**

- (6a) Explore appropriate environmental design and innovation in new construction or facility improvements – for example, include water harvesting in future facility design.
- (6b) Bring publicly accessible facilities into compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- (6c) Partner with UNM School of Architecture and Planning Graduate programs in planning and landscape architecture that need land-based projects for student and studio projects. Real opportunities are available to conceptually design, work with neighborhoods, benefit BCPR, and fulfill degree requirements.
- (6d) Develop perimeter trails at appropriate parks, community complexes, and Open Space properties.



- (6e) Develop segments of the metropolitan trail network in the unincorporated County where consistent with the Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan.
- (6f) Identify potential hardscape additions for skateboarding and rollerblading that could be developed at neighborhood parks and community complexes.
- (6g) Identify possible locations in the Northeast service areas for an off-leash dog exercise area.

## **B. Bernalillo County Open Space Program**

### **Goals and Objectives**

- (OS1a) Explore various revenue sources with County management.
- (OS1b) Coordinate with BCOSAC for voter support of funding initiatives.
- (OS2a) Work with the BCOSAC to establish a framework for systematically evaluating nominated properties.
- (OS2b) Work with the BCOSAC to define key open space values and acquisition priorities.
- (OS2c) Coordinate with the City of Albuquerque for joint purchase of properties identified in the 1988 Comprehensive Plan.
- (OS2d) Pursue purchase of large properties to help define the urban environment, protect viewsheds, and wildlife habitat and corridors.

#### **OSAC GOAL 1:**

**Secure long term funding (20 years) source for BCOS.**

#### **OSAC GOAL 2:**

**Develop a pro-active acquisition strategy that promotes the mission of BCOS.**

**OSAC GOAL 3:**

**Consider alternative methods of land preservation (in addition to fee simple purchase) such as conservation easements, land in-lieu-of Impact Fees, and trades.**

- (OS3a) Coordinate with County management to create conservation easements or form a partnership with non-profit land trust.
- (OS3b) Promote private land dedication of Open Space lands for impact fee credits.
- (OS3c) Coordinate with local land trust to promote private lands conservation.
- (OS3d) Consider land exchanges to obtain more or better Open Space.

**OSAC GOAL 4:**

**Develop management plans for BCOS properties that conserve and enhance natural and cultural resources while providing opportunities for public education and recreation.**

- (OS4a) Use the MPOS Plan as a guide for management plans and amend where necessary (to include agricultural lands, clarify categories, etc.).
- (OS4b) Balance natural and cultural resource protection with public use.
- (OS4c) Use site design, education, and stewardship programs to balance multiple uses.
- (OS4d) Involve the community and other agencies in property inventory and planning process.

**OSAC GOAL 5:**

**Preserve and enhance water resources on BCOS properties.**

- (OS5a) Secure all pertinent water rights on BCOS properties.
- (OS5b) Explore habitat enhancement through constructed wetlands or moist soils areas.
- (OS5c) Continue to improve irrigation efficiency on agricultural lands.
- (OS5d) Balance preservation of water quality and quantity with public use.

- (OS6a) Develop a system that tracks and evaluates each property in the BCOS program and assists in determining annual spending priorities based on BMPs.
- (OS6b) Integrate monitoring into management plans and staff routine. Use monitoring results to assess impacts and inform decisions.
- (OS6c) Plan for extended droughts by exploring alternative farming techniques such as native grass and grazing management programs.

#### **OSAC GOAL 6:**

**Develop best management practices (BMPs) for all BCOS properties.**

- (OS7a) Develop a working relationship with City of Albuquerque Open Space staff and Board to explore coordination of law enforcement, education programming, and other areas where appropriate.
- (OS7b) Coordinate with other County Departments, government agencies and community organizations to help write Resource Management Plans for Open Space properties.

#### **OSAC GOAL 7:**

**Form partnerships with agencies and community organizations to build BCOS capacity for land management.**

- (OS7c) Engage the public and community organizations in stewardship and education programs that promote responsible use and community ownership of Open Space lands.
- (OS7d) Develop stakeholder groups to participate in property stewardship programs.
- (OS7e) Continue to partner with Natural Resource and Conservation Service, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and acequia associations on agricultural lands.



*Pond at Carlito Springs*

## C. Projects and Priorities for the East Mountain Service Area

### 1. Parks and Community Complexes

**Multi-purpose sport fields and maintenance resources are top two priorities from Round 1 public meeting at *Los Vecinos Community Center*.**

#### a) **Los Vecinos Community Center**

- ◆ *Acquire land for building expansion, additional parking, field expansion, and other future needs (possibly a dedicated and separate senior and teen space). Any contiguous land acquisition must be master planned to address current parking deficiencies and safety concerns. **HIGH***
  - Partial funding available.
- ◆ *Continue to work with Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation Service on stabilizing the north bank of the arroyo, in conjunction with field drainage problems. **HIGH***
- ◆ *Improve playground equipment and picnic area, including shade structure. **HIGH***
  - Partial funding available.
- ◆ *Identify possible locations, associated with additional land acquisition, for a rock-climbing wall and/or coordinate further with APS to make wall at Roosevelt M.S. and A. Montoya E.S. open to the public. **MEDIUM***
- ◆ *Improve field and replace perimeter fencing as part of needed drainage improvements. **MEDIUM***
- ◆ *Identify future possibilities associated with additional land acquisition for hardscape improvements to accommodate BMX users. **LOW***

- ♦ *Landscape entry to complement public art. **LOW***
- ♦ *Develop at least one sand volleyball court. **LOW***

**b) Vista Grande Community Center**



*Vista Grande  
Community Center*

- ♦ *Finish East Mountain Little League Concession Stand. **HIGH***
  - Partial funding available.
- ♦ *Analyze water arrangement and take action to reduce high water bills. **HIGH***
- ♦ *Install exercise equipment that has been purchased at "stations" along trail after completion of the concession stand. **HIGH***
  - Partial funding available.
- ♦ *Install netting on south side of soccer field to prevent balls rolling on to La Madera Road. **HIGH***
- ♦ *Work with the East Mountain Charter School to make use of remaining*

**Local trails and neighborhood parks are top two issues from Round 1 public meeting at *Vista Grande Community Center*.**

*acreage at Vista Grande that is encumbered by terrain – perhaps make into mini "open space or outdoor classroom". **MEDIUM***

- ♦ *Identify suitable locations for hardscape features. **MEDIUM***
- ♦ *Examine more closely the feasibility of building a gymnasium on the east side of the existing center. **LOW***

**c) Proposed East Mountain Swimming Pool**

- ♦ *Secure land, water source and additional funding for an indoor swimming pool. **MEDIUM***
  - Partial funding available.

**d) El Refugio Archery Range**

- ♦ *Analyze and possibly modify lease arrangements with Sandia Bowhunters Association prior to lease expiration in 2004. **HIGH***

**e) Undeveloped Properties**

- ♦ *Sell Harmony Hills and Woodland Hills properties and use proceeds toward capital improvements and/or additions elsewhere in the East Mountain Service Area. **MEDIUM***

## **2. Open Space**

**a) Special Use Permit Status**

- ❖ *Prepare long-range plan(s) for all properties that require Special Use Approval and/or renewal. Plan(s) will help to determine where/ what should be built. This will help determine future demands, phased development, funding commitment, and water availability.*

**b) East Mountains O.S. Planning Process**

- ❖ *Work with neighborhood associations, special interest groups, and user groups on planning for public use of Open Space lands in the East Mountains to determine:*
  - (i) if these lands should be developed for resource-based recreation, or,
  - (ii) if management of these lands should follow the current status of unimproved and/or undeveloped,
  - (iii) if certain properties should have limited public access (year around or seasonal closures) to protect/preserve sensitive resources.

**c) Carlito Springs**

- ❖ *Work with neighborhood association(s), special interest groups, and user groups to:*
  - ◆ *Improve on-site access, parking, and trails as well as connection to USFS lands adjoining Carlito Springs. **HIGH***
  - ◆ *Thin surrounding forest and riparian area to create defensible space around structures. **HIGH***
  - ◆ *Upgrade existing primary structure to meet minimum standards for public facilities. **HIGH***
  - ◆ *Determine if property should be limited public access (year around or seasonal closures). **HIGH***
  - ◆ *Install fencing, signage, and gating. **MEDIUM***
  - ◆ *Inventory existing structures and document historical value. **MEDIUM***

- ◆ *Determine appropriate uses for existing structure(s).* **MEDIUM**

➤ Partial funding available for most priorities

**d) Sedillo Ridge (Loma Ponderosa)**

- ❖ *Work with neighborhood association(s), special interest groups, and user groups to:*

- ◆ *Explore options for fuel wood reduction.* **HIGH**



*Sedillo Ridge*

- ◆ *Install fencing, signage, and gating.* **HIGH**

- ◆ *Explore additional land acquisition to the east that makes site accessibility from Brannan Road feasible and less intrusive to adjacent residents.* **HIGH**

- ◆ *Secure the property to prevent further theft and vandalism.* **HIGH**

- ◆ *Determine appropriate uses for property.* **MEDIUM**

- ◆ *Improve on-site access, parking, and trails as well as connection to USFS lands adjoining Sedillo Ridge (Loma Ponderosa).* **LOW**

- ◆ *Upgrade primary vehicular off-site access to property from the north to meet minimum standards for public accessibility.* **LOW**

➤ Partial funding available for most priorities.



**e) Ojito de San Antonio (Los Manzanares)**

- ❖ *Work with neighborhood association(s), special interest groups, and user groups to:*
  - ◆ *Determine if property should be limited public access (year around or seasonal closures). **HIGH***
  - ◆ *Determine appropriate uses for existing structure (visitor's kiosk, outdoor classroom). **HIGH***
  - ◆ *Install fencing, signage, and gating. **HIGH***
  - ◆ *Secure an agreement with the Acequia Association to assist in implementing resource management plan. **MEDIUM***
  - ◆ *Improve on-site access, parking, and trails as well as connection to USFS lands adjoining Ojito de San Antonio. **MEDIUM***
- *Partial funding available for most priorities.*

**f) Sabino Canyon**

- ❖ *Work with neighborhood association(s), special interest groups, and user groups to:*
  - ◆ *Determine appropriate uses for existing structure(s). **HIGH***
  - ◆ *Secure the property to prevent further theft and vandalism. **HIGH***
  - ◆ *Improve on-site access, parking, and trails as well as connection to USFS*

*lands adjoining Sabino Canyon.*  
**MEDIUM**

- ◆ *Determine if property should be limited public access (year around or seasonal closures).* **MEDIUM**
- ◆ *Install fencing, signage, and gating.*  
**MEDIUM**
- ◆ *Inventory existing structures and document historical value.* **MEDIUM**
- ◆ *Upgrade existing primary structure to meet minimum standards for public facilities.* **LOW**
  - Partial funding available for most priorities.

**g) Targeted Short-Term and Long-Term Acquisitions**

- ❖ *Evaluate new properties for acquisition, such as Gutierrez Canyon, short-term; Selva, long-term; and Tres Pistolas, long-term. (See Annual Report)*

**3. Trails**

- ◆ *Initiate, complete and begin implementing East Mountain Trail Plan.* **HIGH**
  - Funding available.
- ◆ *Explore feasibility of extending the San Antonito/Vista Grande trail connection further south to the commercial center at Frost Road and NM 14.* **MEDIUM**
- ◆ *Explore feasibility of extending the San Antonito/Vista Grande trail connection further north - along the designated Turquoise trail – with private landowners and New Mexico*

*Department of Transportation.*  
**MEDIUM**

➤ Funding available for plan.

- ◆ *Incorporate results of East Mountain Open Space planning effort to begin implementing potential links between appropriate public lands. **LOW***

## **D. Projects and Priorities for the Northeast Service Area**

### **1. Parks and Community Complexes**

#### **a) Ben Greiner Soccer Field**

- ◆ *Develop playground at east end of field and connect with proposed trail to Big Sky Hang Glider Park. **HIGH***
  - Partial funding available.
- ◆ *Identify locations for shade structure and picnic tables near playground and soccer field. **MEDIUM***

#### **b) Big Sky Hang Glider Park**

- ◆ *Complete phase 2 by connecting it with Ben Greiner Soccer Field via a trail along the La Cueva Diversion Channel and by developing an ADA accessible playground at Ben Greiner Soccer Field. **HIGH***
  - Partial funding available.
- ◆ *Install shade structure(s) and picnic table(s) where appropriate according to North Domingo Baca/Big Sky Master Plan. **MEDIUM***

**Neighborhood parks and trails are top two priorities from Round 1 public meeting in *North Albuquerque Acres*.**

c) **Vista Sandia Equestrian Park**

- ◆ *Complete phase 2 that includes benches, overlooks, and trail connections to the neighborhood.*

**MEDIUM**

- ◆ *Secure funding to enlarge playground.*
- MEDIUM**

- ◆ *Exclude the playing fields identified in that facility's master plan because of impracticality of using the existing well.*
- LOW**

- ◆ *Coordinate with BCPW on North Albuquerque Acres drainage study that calls for infrastructure installation near Vista Sandia playground to ensure minimal disruption to the facility.*
- LOW**

d) **Altamont Little League**

- ◆ *Renew the Special Use Permit.*
- HIGH**

- ◆ *Complete irrigation and parking lot and drainage improvements.*
- HIGH**

➤ Partial funding available.

- ◆ *Consider adjacent land acquisition to north or south for new site entry and parking expansion. Coordinate with BCPW on design widening of Eubank as it relates to possible future land acquisition.*
- HIGH**

- ◆ *Convert one field to "turf grass" as a water and maintenance saving measure.*
- HIGH**

➤ Partial funding available.

- ◆ *Acquire necessary water rights for Altamont Little League pursuant to water lease agreement with the City of Albuquerque. An alternative to water*



*Day Pen Occupant at Vista Sandia Equestrian Park*

*rights acquisition may be municipal service that is brought to the immediate area by private developers – this will require further study with developers and City Public Works.*

**MEDIUM**

**e) Sandia Heights (U)**

- ◆ *Develop a neighborhood park that retains site topography and could include playground, small turf area, perimeter walking path, and a small parking area. **HIGH***

➤ Funding available.



*Sandia Heights*

**f) Proposed Dog Exercise Area**

- ◆ *Explore feasibility of developing a dedicated dog exercise area at an existing County-owned facility. Coordinate with City of Albuquerque in their efforts to provide such a facility in this part of the community. **LOW***

*Photo courtesy of Baker Morrow*

**g) Proposed North Albuquerque Acres Community Center**

- ◆ *Identify potential properties, including APS school sites, for a community center. **MEDIUM***

**h) Oakland & Browning (U)**

- ◆ *Secure additional funding to develop unlit tennis court(s), playground, and possibly a walking path. **MEDIUM***

➤ Partial funding available.

## 2. Open Space

### a) Targeted Short-Term and Long-Term Acquisitions

- ❖ *Evaluate new properties for acquisition, such as Mhoon property, short-term. (See Annual Report)*

## 3. Trails

Trails that are not part of a road right-of-way are difficult to develop in North Albuquerque Acres because of antiquated platting, opposition of many property owners, and lost opportunities in the past.

- ◆ *Work with developer to build trail along South La Cueva Arroyo between Lowell and Tennyson as part of Primrose Pointe Units 5 & 6. **HIGH***
- ◆ *Attempt to link Double Eagle gamefield, Oakland/Browning site, Big Sky Hang Glider Park, Ben Greiner Soccer Field, and Altamont Little League with a trail along the South La Cueva Arroyo. Coordination with AMAFCA under the County's existing license agreement will be necessary. **MEDIUM***
- ◆ *Work with BCPW on trail development opportunities within road rights-of-way as outlined in the North Albuquerque Acres Transportation Study. **MEDIUM***
- ◆ *Continue to implement development of proposed trails identified in the Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan. **MEDIUM***

## E. Projects and Priorities for the Northwest Service Area

### 1. Parks and Community Complexes

#### a) Paradise Hills Community Center

- ◆ *Identify pedestrian safety measures to implement between community center, park and other Paradise Hills recreation facilities further to the west. **HIGH.***
  - Partial funding available.
- ◆ *Replace the gymnasium floor. **HIGH***
  - Partial funding available.
- ◆ *Replace tennis court at Paradise Hills Park by building a court next to gym on the west side of the center. **HIGH***
  - Partial funding available.
- ◆ *Develop features and amenities around future tennis court to tie the West Annex into the main facility. **MEDIUM***
- ◆ *Expand gym to include a performance stage on the west side, a fitness room and locker rooms, which could be connected to the north of the outdoor swimming pool. **MEDIUM***

**Develop more neighborhood parks and segments of the trail network – top two priorities from Round 1 public meeting at *Paradise Hills Community Center.***

#### b) Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center

- ◆ *Complete dual-facing performance stage. **HIGH***
  - Funding available.
- ◆ *Replace playground equipment. **HIGH***
  - Funding available.

**Devote resources for maintenance and improving park features – top two priorities from Round 1 public meeting at *Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center.***

- ◆ *Connect irrigation to City's North I-25 Nonpotable Surface Water Reclamation Project that will be developed along Alameda Boulevard and north on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. **HIGH***
- ◆ *Consider additional land acquisition to develop a modular skate park, new multi-purpose room, senior-related facility, and racquetball courts. Possible source of funds is 1996 bond funds for a North Valley Senior Citizens Center if this project does not occur. **MEDIUM***
- ◆ *Evaluate the feasibility of constructing a walking path around the perimeter of the soccer and baseball fields; drainage improvements must be completed prior to constructing the path. **MEDIUM***
- ◆ *Improve parking north of and next to BMX track. **LOW***
- ◆ *Work with Duke City BMX and adjacent neighbors on securing funds, designing, and installing lighting for BMX track for nighttime use. **LOW***
- ◆ *Explore feasibility of installing permanent restroom facilities between ballfields and BMX track. **LOW***
- ◆ *Install shade structure to cover outdoor basketball court. **LOW***

**c) Paradise Hills Park**

- ◆ *Replace playground equipment. **HIGH***
  - Funding available.
- ◆ *Complete ADA and other improvements (parking, sidewalk,*



*bleacher and shade structure) associated with the skate park. **HIGH***

- ♦ *Develop a perimeter walking trail. **HIGH***
- ♦ *Modify parking on south side to make safer egress/ingress that will be necessary because of future widening of and increased traffic volumes in Paradise Boulevard. **MEDIUM***

**d) Alameda Soccer Fields**

- ♦ *Connect irrigation to City's North I-25 Nonpotable Surface Water Reclamation Project that will be developed along Alameda Boulevard and south on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. **HIGH***
- ♦ *Explore feasibility of installing "turf grass" at goal mouth to reduce wear and tear on turf. **MEDIUM***



*Alameda Soccer Field*

**e) Alameda Little League**

- ♦ *Transfer maintenance to the City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department as part of new facility development on City-owned land near Balloon Fiesta Park. **HIGH***
  - Partial funding available

**f) Paradise Hills Little League and Soccer Club**

- ♦ *Explore feasibility of connecting little league concession stand to municipal water and sewer. **HIGH***
  - Partial funding available
- ♦ *Coordinate with AMAFCA and BCPW on revising retention pond layout and*

*use of AMAFCA land for additional parking north of existing little league.*  
**HIGH**

- ◆ *Coordinate with City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation about their 15-acre, undeveloped land and intended uses at Universe and Paradise in Ventana Ranch. The potential exists to provide space for the Paradise Hills Little League and Soccer Club at the conceptually identified multi-purpose field.* **HIGH**
- ◆ *Explore with APS the potential for developing soccer and baseball fields on the campus of James Monroe Middle School.* **HIGH**
- ◆ *Acquire undeveloped land for facility development and additional parking.* **HIGH/MEDIUM**
  - Partial funding available

**g) Fitness Centers**

- ◆ *Secure funding for cardiovascular equipment purchases at Atrium Fitness Center.* **MEDIUM**

**h) Proposed New Neighborhood Park**

- ◆ *Identify and pursue land for neighborhood park acquisition in the area of Second Street and Osuna NW.* **MEDIUM**

**i) Future Quail Ranch Facilities**

- ◆ *Coordinate with Quail Ranch developers regarding the phasing and development timetables, even though facilities may or may not become BCPR facilities.* **MEDIUM**

**j) Undeveloped Property**

- ◆ *Sell land on Fairfax and use proceeds for capital improvements or additions at existing facility in the Northwest Service Area. Get letter of map revision from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that confirms this property no longer has floodplain designation. **HIGH***

**k) Proposed Village of Los Ranchos Senior Citizens and Community Center**

- ◆ *Coordinate with the Village on their plans to purchase land and develop a North Valley Senior Citizens and Community Center within Village boundaries. If project does not go forward, redirect bond funds toward uses at Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center. **MEDIUM***
- *Partial funding available.*

**2. Open Space**

**a) North Valley (Bachechi Stables)**

- ◆ *Continue equestrian stable activity on property as long as feasible. **HIGH***
- ◆ *Hook house up to City water and sewer system. **HIGH***
- ◆ *Work with City of Albuquerque Open Space Division for a facility improvement plan to benefit and integrate the Bachechi site and the existing Alameda Open Space and Bosque trailhead. **MEDIUM***
- *Partial funding available.*
- ◆ *Develop a facility improvement plan for the Bachechi property. Facility improvements will be included as part*

*of the Special Use Permit approval process. **MEDIUM***

- ♦ *Revive agricultural activities on-site to include flood irrigation of fields for permanent pasture and wildlife habitat. **MEDIUM***
- ♦ *Assess the feasibility of placing the City of Albuquerque's potable water infrastructure on the site in exchange for site improvements. **LOW***

**b) Targeted Short-Term and Long-Term Acquisitions**

- ❖ *Evaluate new properties for acquisition. (See Annual Report)*

**3. Trails**

- ♦ *Support Village of Los Ranchos efforts to implement their 2010 Master Plan to include necessary park, Open Space, trail, and bike lane facilities and connections. **HIGH***
- ♦ *Acquire and develop trail easement between Riverside Drain and Main Canal as close to the Sandia Reservation Boundary as possible. **HIGH***
  - Funding available.
- ♦ *Develop trail or bike lane along Paradise Blvd. as part of road widening, either by City Public Works, BCPW, or by private developer(s). **MEDIUM***
- ♦ *Develop non-vehicular easement on north side of Alameda Blvd. Between Albuquerque Main Canal and North Rio Grande Blvd. **MEDIUM***

- ♦ *Continue to implement development of proposed trails identified in the Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan. **MEDIUM***
- ♦ *Consider extending the Alameda Boulevard trail east from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to Balloon Fiesta Park. Right-of-way acquisition, railroad crossing, and North Diversion Channel crossing are key development cost considerations. **LOW***

## **F. Projects and Priorities for the South Service Area**

### **1. Parks and Community Complexes**

#### **a) Los Padillas Community Center and Swimming Pool**

- ♦ *Complete the Los Padillas Swimming Pool, site landscaping, and related amenities to include multipurpose playing field, perimeter trail, outdoor ball courts, hardscape features, and perimeter fencing. **HIGH***
- *Funding available.*

#### **b) Mountain View Community Center**

- ♦ *Secure funding to implement site master plan, including parking on Williams Street, on-site perimeter walking trail, and fencing around basketball court. **MEDIUM***

c) **Westside Community Center**

- ◆ *Secure funding to install fitness station on track, design and build a meeting/conference room, install outdoor field lighting, and improving playground equipment. **MEDIUM***



*Westside Community Center*

- ◆ *Explore feasibility of developing a modular skate park. **MEDIUM***
- ◆ *Explore feasibility of converting rear parking lot into a new two-court, indoor gym and converting existing gym into a boxing/wrestling facility. **LOW***

d) **Mesa del Sol Regional Recreation Complex**

- ◆ *Set aside funds in the 2004 GO Bond for reuse water infrastructure from the City's Southside Water Reclamation Plant. **HIGH***
- ◆ *Work with Journal Pavilion on securing a potable water system for the amphitheater. **HIGH***
- ◆ *Continue seeking legislative and GO bond funds to finish developing Phase 1 multipurpose playing fields and landscaping. **HIGH***
- ◆ *Design future improvements to capture and treat stormwater from impervious surfaces. **HIGH***
- ◆ *Pursue development of Mesa del Sol according to its Master Plan and necessary revisions to the site plan to accommodate Journal Pavilion parking. **MEDIUM***

- ◆ *Promote the Regional Recreation Complex for soccer and non-soccer uses, particularly where the six-acre parking lot and playing fields can be used for revenue generating activities to take advantage of electrical outlets in the light poles (car shows, RV gatherings, etc.). **MEDIUM***

- ◆ *Secure funding for phase 2 design of the Regional Recreation Complex, including additional parking for the Journal Pavilion Amphitheater that will be necessary once University Boulevard extension is constructed. **MEDIUM***

**e) Raymac Park**

- ◆ *Develop on-site, perimeter walking trail. **MEDIUM***

**f) Rio Bravo Park**

- ◆ *Secure funding to implement Master Plan improvements that would tie site together for pedestrians and vehicular access, as well as to minimize site fragmentation and safety concerns. **HIGH***

- ◆ *Resurface tennis courts. **HIGH***

- ◆ *Replace playground equipment. **HIGH***

➤ Funding available.

- ◆ *Install new park furnishings. **MEDIUM***

- ◆ *Explore feasibility of locating a modular skate park. **MEDIUM***

- ◆ *Develop thematic (literacy) on-site, perimeter trail. **MEDIUM***

**g) Tom Tenorio Park**



*Softball Field at Tom Tenorio Park*

- ◆ *Secure additional funding to design and develop additional playing fields. **HIGH***

- Partial funding available.

- ◆ *Install a new playground. **HIGH***

- Funding available.

- ◆ *Explore feasibility and cost of installing lights for sand volleyball court. **MEDIUM***

**h) Fitness Centers**

- ◆ *Secure funding for cardiovascular equipment purchases at Rio Grande Pool, Los Padillas, and Westside Fitness Centers. Coordinate with purchases at other fitness centers in other service areas for potential price discounts. **MEDIUM***

**i) Rio Grande Pool**

- ◆ *Renovate entire plumbing and filtration systems. **HIGH***

- Partial funding available.

**j) Proposed Adult Hardball Field**

- ◆ *Secure funding and work with AMAFCA to develop baseball field at Borrega Dam. **MEDIUM***

**k) Atrisco Little League, Park, (U) and Open Space (Sunset Rd.)**

- ◆ *Implement approved and phased site plan. **HIGH***

- Partial funding available.

- ◆ *Coordinate with Sheriff's Office about possibilities for law enforcement housing on site, per master plan, for a law enforcement personnel residence. **HIGH***



- ♦ *Continue coordination with City of Albuquerque Family and Community Services Weed and Seed grant program for neighborhood restoration funds to go toward neighborhood park as identified in the master plan. **HIGH***

**l) Proposed Larrazolo Multi-Services Family Center**

- ♦ *Work with State Representatives to secure commitments from potential facility occupants prior to beginning architectural programming. **HIGH***
- ♦ *Initiate design for the 8-acre property as a combination multi-services family center and neighborhood park, based on planning and programming study completed in early 2003. **MEDIUM***
  - Funding available.

**m) Ambassador Edward L. Romero (U)**

- ♦ *Begin design and development of park. **HIGH***
  - Partial funding available.
- ♦ *Use future City reuse water line on Second Street from Southside Water Reclamation Plant as irrigation source. **HIGH***

**n) Judge Henry J. Coors (U)**

- ♦ *Secure funding to design and develop park, including the feasibility of extending municipal water from the Valley Gardens subdivision west to the park. **MEDIUM***

**o) Dennison Polo Park**

- ♦ *Renew Special Use Permit. **HIGH***

**p) University Heights Reforestation**

- ◆ *Continue working with the University Heights Association in Commission District 3 to identify properties with dead and/or dying trees in the street right-of-way so that they can be removed and new trees planted. **HIGH***
  - Funding available.

**q) Silver Hill Reforestation**

- ◆ *Continue working with the Silver Hill Neighborhood Association and the City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department in Commission District 3 toward "reforesting" the medians and parkways in this historic neighborhood based on the Silver Hill Landscaping Master Plan. **HIGH***
  - Funding available

## **2. Open Space**

**a) Pajarito**

- ◆ *Develop perimeter trail, parking and picnic areas, and wetlands for wildlife habitat, per the Resource Management Plan prepared in 2001 by the Center for Holistic Resource Management. **HIGH***
- ◆ *Secure additional water rights for the construction of wetlands to enhance wildlife habitat and wildlife viewing opportunities. **MEDIUM***
- ◆ *Secure a long-term lease with local farmer(s) to continue farming for wildlife program(s). **HIGH***
- ◆ *Search out grants and other funding sources to improve habitat by diversifying the coverage (trees and*

*shrub plantings) along the perimeter.*  
**MEDIUM**

- ♦ *Erect fencing on east boundary.*  
**MEDIUM**

➤ Partial funding available for most priorities.

**b) Durand**

- ♦ *Develop perimeter trail, parking and picnic areas, and wetlands for wildlife habitat, per the Resource Management Plan prepared in 2001 by the Center for Holistic Resource Management.* **HIGH**
- ♦ *Secure a long-term lease with local farmer(s) to continue farming for wildlife program(s).* **HIGH**
- ♦ *Construct bridge crossing of the clear ditch to provide access to Rio Grande Valley State Park.* **MEDIUM**
- ♦ *Secure additional water rights for the construction of wetlands to enhance wildlife habitat and wildlife viewing opportunities.* **MEDIUM**
- ♦ *Search out grants and other funding sources to improve habitat by diversifying the coverage (trees and shrub plantings) along the perimeter.*  
**MEDIUM**
- ♦ *Acquire secondary access to improve access to site.* **LOW**

**c) Hubbell**

- ♦ *Implement the phase 1 rehabilitation plan for the 1,000 square-feet of the southwest wing.* **HIGH**

- ◆ *Continue rehabilitation work on phase one to assure property is utilized and occupied while phase two rehabilitation documents are completed. **HIGH***
- ◆ *Work with Natural Resources Conservation Service to improve the productivity of the lands through improvements to the irrigation delivery system, soil amendment programs, field leveling, etc. **HIGH***
- ◆ *Work with groups like Cornerstones Community Partnerships and the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance to make the Hubbell House a "laboratory" for better understanding and promotion of earthen architecture technology. **HIGH***
- ◆ *Work with New Mexico State University and other interested groups toward program development of agricultural, natural resource, historical, and educational programs. **HIGH***
- Partial funding available for most priorities.

**d) Targeted Short-Term and Long-Term Acquisitions**

- ❖ *Evaluate new properties for acquisition, such as: Price's Dairy, short-term; SW Escarpment, long-term; Shock, long-term; Southern Sand dunes, long-term; Nanninga, long-term. (See Annual Report)*

### 3. Trails

- ♦ *Design and construct South Diversion Channel Trail Phase II (north side of Rio Bravo to Railroad spur). **MEDIUM***
- ♦ *Design and construct Tijeras Arroyo Phase II (South Diversion Channel to future University Boulevard extension). **MEDIUM***
- ♦ *Continue to implement development of proposed trails identified in the Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan. **MEDIUM***

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